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SUBJECT: U-2 DRAG CHUTE

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1. THE GENERAL FEELING AMONG THE PILOTS HERE, PARTICULARLY [REDACTED] IS THAT MANY OF THE INHERENT DIFFICULTIES PRESENTED BY AN ACTUAL FLAME OUT LANDING WOULD BE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM IF A RELIABLE DRAG CHUTE COULD BE UTILIZED AT THE THRESHOLD.

2. NO PILOT CAN PREDICT THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH HE WOULD BE OBLIGATED TO CARRY OUT A DEAD STICK LANDING AND NO MATTER HOW VARIED THE TRAINING FOR THIS EVENTUALITY, THE ACTUAL CASE IS LIKELY TO BE UNIQUE.

3. WITH THIS VIEW IN MIND IT IS REQUESTED THAT AN INVESTIGATION BE MADE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF CARRYING A DRAG (POSITIVE DEPLOYMENT TYPE) CHUTE ON TRAINING FLIGHTS. ALSO RECOMMEND

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THAT A STUDY BE MADE RELATIVE TO CARRYING A DRAG (POSITIVE
DEPLOYMENT TYPE) CHUTE ON ALL FLIGHTS. RECOGNIZE THAT THIS
WILL REQUIRE RELOCATING SYSTEM 9 ANTENNAS AND POSSIBLY OTHER
SYSTEMS OR ANTENNAS WHICH MAY BE DOWNSTREAM.

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